

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested. Claim 12 has been amended in response to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112. Support for the term "plate" is particularly supported at page 11, first complete paragraph of the specification. Reference numeral 62 is labeled both a "projection" and a "plate". Reference numeral 62 has been added by amendment to improve the readability. It is clear that this is justified, since the plate is made "...of uniform opposed flat surfaces 66", which are shown in Fig. 6 to comprise the side surfaces of member 62.

The jaw portion 46 is more than plate 62. Plate 62 is part of jaw portion 46, but not all of it. There is also the portion which holds the pivot 72 so that jaw portions 46 and 48 can connect.

Thus, it is believed that claim 12 is now in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112.

With respect to the rejection of claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. 102, the limitations of claim 8 have been included in claim 7. In paragraph 6 of the last Office Action, the examiner stated that claim 8 contained allowable subject matter.


Accordingly, it is believed that amended claim 7 is now allowable.

Claim 13 has been amended to correct a clerical error.

The newly added claims are clearly supported by the disclosure of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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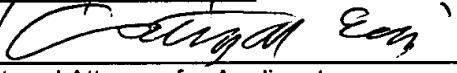


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